



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for FEBRUARY 06, 2020, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on February 06, 2020, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Trump, Weld, Azinger, Clements, Cline, Maynard, Pitsenbarger, Rucker, Smith, Baldwin, Beach, Hardesty, Jeffries, Lindsay, Romano, Woelfel

Members absent: Senators Takubo

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Weld, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

S. B. 490 - Relating to protection of animal and crop facilities.

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute for committee substitute, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee agreed to the committee substitute for committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the committee substitute for committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S. B. 653 - Increasing number of magistrates in Putnam County.

Chris Alder, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

Unanimous consent being granted, Senator Beach withdrew the pending amendment.

On motion of Senator Beach, the committee amended the committee substitute on page 2, line 35, subsection (31) to insert the words “,except that beginning on January 1, 2021, Monongalia County shall have five magistrates.” at the end of the sentence.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee agreed to the committee substitute as amended.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but first be referred to the Committee on Finance

With leave of the committee, Olubunmi Kusimo-Frazier, Manager of Magistrate Services, West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

S. B. 662 - Removing restrictions on fiduciary commissioners.

Debra Graham, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Senator Dave Sypolt, addressed the committee, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee agreed to the committee substitute.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

H. B. 2602 - Including possession of known stolen property in the offense of receiving or transferring stolen property.

Tom Smith, Chief Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed strike and insert and title amendment, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee adopted the strike and insert amendment.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass as amended.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee adopted the title amendment.

H. B. 4179 - Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.

Laura Goins, Counsel, explained the bill, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Chris Hall, Executive Director, West Virginia EMS Coalition, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Trump, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Weld the committee adjourned.



Charles S. Trump IV
Chairman



Beverly Douglas
Analyst/Clerk

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Testimony taken this 6th day of February, 2020, in
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"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
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God."

Olubunmi Kusimo-Frazier

Print Witness Name

O. Kusimo-Frazier

Sign Witness Name

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